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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the views of correspondents, and the publication of a communication does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. The COMMONWEALTH adheres to these general principles.

STAND TOGETHER.

The Southern Cotton Association has done great good in keeping up the price of cotton during the past two or three years, and doubtless those who have discouraged its work are now beginning to feel more like encouraging it. The difference between cotton at 84 cents and 124 cents means a great deal to the South. It means at least two hundred and fifty million dollars annually. Farmers can do nothing better for their own protection than to stand together in their organization for maintaining good prices.

DISGRACE TO THE SOUTH.

Quite a number of citizens of Halifax county well remember the great and eloquent address delivered in Enfield the 26th of April, 1907, by Hon. E. D. Smith, of South Carolina. It was one of the most powerful addresses ever heard in this county and was the greatest appeal that Halifax county farmers ever heard in behalf of cotton, the great staple of the South, and the commercial thermometer of this great section.

Mr. Smith has recently been nominated to the United States Senate from South Carolina, and as Senator from that State he will wield great power and influence in the Nation's councils in the interest of the cotton farmers of the South.

In a recent interview concerning the cotton situation Mr. Smith gave expression to the belief that the price of cotton will go higher. Among other things, he said:

The present price of cotton is a reflection on the South. A small crop last year, a small crop this year have or should have discounted the effect of the panic.

"Had there been a normal crop last year and prices gone off on account of the panic, it would have been natural, perhaps, but a small crop at home and abroad with no flattering outlook for a yield this year, present prices are nothing short of a disgrace to the business man and farmer."

"Look at the prices of corn, oats, wheat, lard, meat and hay, to say nothing of other commercial articles, and compare these with cotton. Why didn't the panic affect them? Besides about two-thirds of the American crop is sold in Europe, a panic in America should not and apparently has not affected the buying power of foreign countries."

"It is said goods can not be sold at present prices—are not being sold—because it would represent a loss to the manufacturer. By the same token cotton should not be sold because it represents a loss to the grower. Because 15 cents was not realized last year is no reason why 8 cents should be taken now. It really looks as if the purchasing world was attempting to whip the grower against their masters. There is manhood and money enough to stop this criminal foolishness and like of confidence and common sense."

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WILL IT BE BRYAN?

Before another issue of this paper shall come from the press the man who shall preside over this country as its chief executive for the next four years will have been chosen as a result of our national election. William J. Bryan for the Democratic party, and William H. Taft for the Republican party, are the men between whom the people must make their choice. The one is perhaps the best known citizen of the world. The other was almost unknown to the world until his name was mentioned for the office of President of the United States. Mr. Bryan, the almost universally known citizen of this country is the candidate of the people; Mr. Taft, who but recently has come into prominence, is the candidate of trusts, monopolies and plutocracy.

While it is the way of politics for each side to claim the victory before hand, there is no question that the contest will be a close one unless the unusual occurs. While all sorts of claims are made by those in charge of the interests of either party it now seems impossible for anyone to forecast more than the probable result of the election.

Mr. Bryan is surely and without doubt a most popular and versatile man, and on this hangs the hope of his election. Mr. Taft has not the advantage of this great popularity and versatility, but is supported by the great and enormous money power of this country, and hereon hangs the hope of his election.

The Democratic party stands for the best government, and thereby upholds the rights of the people of this country; the Republican party stands for protection for the favored few and thereby disregards the interests of the masses. The great choice lies now immediately before the people; let them look well to their interests and do their full duty for the election of Mr. Bryan on next Tuesday.

A GREAT COTTON MEETING.

At the call of President Harvey Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association, a great mass meeting will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, Nov. 10th, for the purpose of making special effort to advance the price of spot cotton. The convention will be composed of cotton farmers, cotton ginners, cotton merchants, bankers and others who are willing to aid in the movement.

Mr. C. C. Moore, formerly president of the North Carolina Cotton Association, writes to the News and Observer concerning that meeting as follows:

"Permit me to call the attention of the business men and farmers to the call for a mammoth cotton convention on November 10th, at Memphis, Tenn."

"This convention is called for the purpose of inaugurating a movement to advance the price of cotton."

"Perhaps it will be a good move for the cotton counties in North Carolina to hold mass meetings in the court houses on October 31st to consider the advisability of having the counties represented at the Memphis convention."

"The price of cotton is now much below the cost of production. I feel that it is my duty to make this move, hoping that those interested in cotton prices will take action at once to advance the price."

"We should remember the wide spread good results following the cotton convention held in New Orleans in January, 1905."

"If the price of cotton in 1905 was advanced by the co-operation of all interests in the South, from 7 cents to 12 cents, in the face of a 14,000,000 bale crop, it seems to me that another such co-operative move might move the price of this crop from 9 to 12 cents per pound."

"Shall we try it? It is up to the business men and farmers to say what to do."

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For Vice-President—John W. Kern, of Indiana.
For Congress—Second Congressional District—Claude Kitchin.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Governor—W. W. Kitchin.
For Lieut.-Governor—W. C. Newland.
For Secretary of State—J. Bryan Grimes.
For State Auditor—B. F. Dixon.
For State Treasurer—B. R. Lacy.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. Y. Joyner.
For Attorney General—T. W. Bickett.
For Commissioner of Agriculture—W. A. Graham.
For Commissioner of Labor and Printing—M. L. Shipman.
For Corporation Commissioner—B. F. Aycock.
For Insurance Commissioner—J. R. Young.
For Electors at Large—J. W. Bailey and Walter Murphy.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Senate—E. L. Travis.
For House of Representatives—H. S. Harrison and A. Paul Kitchin.
For Sheriff—J. A. House.
For Register of Deeds—J. H. Norman.
For Treasurer—J. E. Bowers.
For Coroner—J. J. Robertson.
For Commissioners—N. L. Stedman, Sterling Johnson, B. A. Pope, W. R. Harvey and Sam T. Thorne.

MASS MEETING DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Senate—W. T. Shaw.
For House of Representatives—H. S. Harrison and T. F. Whitley.
For Sheriff—J. R. Patterson.
For Register of Deeds—W. T. Clement.
For Treasurer—Noah Biggs.
For Commissioners—W. D. Bass, S. D. Bradley, W. W. Rosser, Sam T. Thorne, J. W. Harvey.

Crime in the Ballot Box.

(M. P. Boynton, in The Standard.)
Crime in the ballot box is a fatal disease in the vitals of American institutions. To allow such crimes to go on is to invite utter ruin of our Republic. The hand that is laid on the ballot box to pollute it, has touched the secret spring that will open the door through which will flock every demon charged with the destruction of human liberty. Such a hand opens the flood gates of corruption and dishonor. If we are unable to purify and keep clean the ballot boxes, then we have failed in our effort to build a great nation governed by free men. And if this condition must continue, then we can none too soon put a king in Washington and turn over to him the army and navy, saying, "Sire, we can no longer protect our liberties, you must protect and preserve them for us and our children." A corrupted and corrupting ballot is the first and last shame of democracy.

Nothing so discourages the activity of good men in politics as the continued prosperity of bad men in politics. Here a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. The present election contest in this city has brought to light enough evidence to show that it behooves every liberty loving citizen to give grave heed to the examination of ballots cast in certain wards. There are lessons to be learned that should burn themselves into every brave heart.

It should be recognized that the task of the state's attorney is doubly hard. It is his duty to ferret out every man, high or low, who has placed criminal hands on the ballots, and punish such with the severest penalties of the law, but in this instance there is a large personal element. And yet, this should in no wise deter him in the fearless discharge of his duty, nor will it; the record Mr. Healy has made is assurance of that.

No honorable man will profit through crime, if he can help it. Nomination by fraud is no cleaner than goods by theft. For the sake of all concerned, and it concerns us all, turn on the light! Let the exact facts be known. This is the people's business! When the facts are known let exact justice be visited upon those judges and clerks of election, those bosses and political workers and every citizen who is shown to have committed high treason by tampering with the ballots of free men and American citizens. Punish every one of them, though it require an enlarging of jails to hold the crowd.

Nothing so discourages rascality as aroused and militant righteousness. Here one shall chase a thousand and two shall put ten thousand to flight. While punishment of the present

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criminals is demanded by an outraged community and will prove salutary in preventing like crimes in ballot boxes, there is need for more constructive methods for the protection of our elections and the assurance of clean votes. The evidence adduced in court shows that hundreds of men vote who cannot even read the English language. Many scores of such ballots were marked by the judges and clerks of election. While many such ballots were doubtless honestly marked for the ignorant voter, it is too open an invitation to fraud to longer allow that class of society the freedom of the voting booth.

The question well may be raised whether any man should be clothed with the dignity and power of citizenship before he can read our language. The final court of appeal in this land is the individual voter. How can we be assured of and independent and intelligent vote unless the voter knows what he is doing? By all means, let us have immediate reform in this matter. The light of our national body is the eye of the ballot. If this eye be single then the whole body shall be full of light, but if this eye be evil, then the whole body shall be full of darkness; if, therefore, the light that is in us be darkness, how great is the darkness!

Palmyra News.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)
Rev. R. D. Daniel, of Hobgood, assisted by Rev. Plyler of Greenville, began a protracted meeting here Sunday night. The sermons were much enjoyed until Wednesday, when the meeting broke on account of Mr. Plyler's illness and return home.

Mr. George Andrews, of Enfield, was here last week to attend the funeral of his nephew, Cecil.

Mr. Joseph Early returned Tuesday after taking in the Raleigh Fair and paying a visit to his daughter, Miss Hilda, who is at Black Mt. for her health.

Mr. John House has returned from the Raleigh Fair.

Mr. Hussey, of New York, spent several days with Mr. Henry Harrington and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Everett and S. J. Everett, Jr., drove up Saturday from Williamston and stayed until Monday with their people at Jones Farm.

Friends regret to hear that Miss Fannie Roberson is very sick with hemorrhagic fever.

Miss Fannie Early returned to the Winterville High School Thursday after being at home several days on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Andrews wish to thank their many friends for kindnesses shown during the illness of their little son, Cecil.

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1st. That tract of land known as the "James Place," bounded on the north by the lands of F. J. Savage, on the east by the county road from Scotland Neck to Hobgood, on the west by the Main Run of Deep Creek, on the south by that tract of land formerly belonging to Mrs. Vesta Ballard, known as the "Lilly Place," containing 170 acres, more or less.

2nd. That tract of land known as the "Lilly Place," bounded on the north by that tract of land formerly belonging to Mrs. Vesta Ballard and known as the "James Place," on the east by the county road from Scotland Neck to Hobgood, on the west by the Main Run of Deep Creek, and on the south by the lands of Lawrence Whitehead, containing 130 acres, more or less.

3rd. That tract of land, known as the "Everett Place," formerly belonging to Mrs. Vesta Ballard, bounded by the lands of Otto Bell, Benjamin Bell and Ed Statton and others, containing 66 acres, more or less.

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